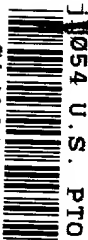


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Re: Application of Shigeharu USHIWATA, Shinji TAKANO, Hideaki TERASHIMA, Kenichi MATSUNAGA and Ryuichi IMAMURA CUTTER WITH LASER GENERATOR THAT IRRADIATES CUTTING POSITION ON WORKPIECE TO FACILITATE ALIGNMENT OF BLADE WITH CUTTING POSITION
Assignee: HITACHI KOKI CO., LTD.
 Our Ref: Q65849

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation-in-Part Application of pending prior Application No. 09/499,385 filed February 7, 2000 of Shigeharu USHIWATA, Shinji TAKANO, Hideaki TERASHIMA, Kenichi MATSUNAGA and Ryuichi IMAMURA entitled CUTTER WITH LASER GENERATOR THAT IRRADIATES CUTTING POSITION ON WORKPIECE TO FACILITATE ALIGNMENT OF BLADE WITH CUTTING POSITION.

Attached hereto is the Continuation-in-Part Application including the specification, claims and abstract, twenty-three (23) sheets of drawings, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, Information Disclosure Statement and PTO form 1449 with reference.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 09/499,385 filed February 7, 2000.--

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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| Total claims | 30 | - | 20 | = | 10 | x | \$18.00 | = | \$180.00 |
| Independent claims | 7 | - | 3 | = | 4 | x | \$80.00 | = | \$320.00 |
| Base Fee | | | | | | | | | \$710.00 |

TOTAL FILING FEE

\$1210.00

Recordation of Assignment

\$ 40.00

TOTAL FEE

\$1250.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1210.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or



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overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from February 5, 1999, February 5, 1999, November 26, 1999, and December 3, 1999, based on Japanese Application Nos. P11-28275, P11-28277, P11-335411, and P11-344301, respectively. The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/499,385.

Respectfully submitted,

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